

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CHULA VISTA SAFETY COMMISSION**

**March 7, 2012
6:00 p.m.**

**Public Services Building 200
Engineering Conference Room 146
276 Fourth Avenue**

CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call:

Present: Chair Moriarty; Commissioners Caudillo, Cochrane, Fuentes, and Liken

Absent: Commissioners Gove and Navarro

Staff present: Principal Civil Engineer, Frank Rivera; Sr. Civil Engineer Muna Cuthbert; Officer Justin Zualet; and Florence Picardal, Recording Secretary

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Opening Statement

Opening statement read by Chair Moriarty.

4. Approval of Minutes October 5, 2011 and January 4, 2012

MSC (Fuentes/Cochrane) to approve minutes of October 5, 2011 (4-0-2-1, Gove/Navarro absent, Liken abstain)

Minutes were not available for January 4, 2012.

5. Oral Communications

None.

MEETING AGENDA

6. Resolution of the Safety Commission of the City of Chula Vista Denying the Installation of an All-Way Stop at the Intersection of Lane Avenue and Boswell Road

City staff received a request from the general manager of ProComp Suspension, a business located at 2360 Boswell Road, for the installation of an all-way stop at the intersection of Lane Avenue and Boswell Road. The general manager feels this intersection is unsafe due to the lack of stop signs at this intersection. Senior Civil Engineer Cuthbert gave a short presentation. Two phone calls were received in favor of staff's recommendation with one of the callers requesting a stop light instead of an all-way stop.

Staff Recommendation: Safety Commission adopt a resolution denying the installation of an all-way stop control at the intersection of Lane Avenue and Boswell Road.

Public hearing opened.

The following person spoke in opposition to staff's recommendation.

1. Eric Castillo, General Manager of ProComp Suspension.

Public hearing closed.

Commission Discussion: Discussion ensued on the merits of this request and the proximity to the YMCA and Gonzales Sports Academy. This intersection received 41 out of a possible 100 points, where the minimum required points to recommend the installation of an all-way stop control is 45 points.

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Commissioners Cochrane and Fuentes were in favor of installing an all-way stop at this location. Chair Moriarty asked if it would be feasible to relocate signs from MacKenzie to Boswell. Officer Zualet had concerns and stated the signs should not be relocated due to heavy usage by pedestrians and the Border Patrol. Commissioner Liken stated staff has followed Council Policy in studying this intersection, analyzed the data and made a recommendation. He added that the Commission listens to public testimony and introduces "common sense" into the mix to make a recommendation to City Council. Commissioner Caudillo thought the request for an all-way stop was reasonable.

MSC (Cochrane/Fuentes) to deny the recommendation to deny the installation of an of an all-way stop control at the intersection of Lane Avenue and Boswell Road.

Commissioner Liken offered a friendly amendment to the motion which was accepted by Commissioner Cochrane.

AMENDED MOTION MSC (Cochrane/Fuentes) to recommend installation of an all-way stop control at the intersection of Lane Avenue and Boswell Road. (5-0-2, Gove/Navarro absent).

Principal Civil Engineer clarified if the Safety Commission's vote is contrary to staff's recommendation, the item is then referred to the City Council. He stated he would inform the City Engineer of the Safety Commission's recommendation and information/findings presented at this meeting. If the City Engineer concurs with the Safety Commission's recommendation, the item will not be referred to City Council. All interested parties will be notified if the item goes to City Council.

7. Resolution of the Safety Commission supporting the submittal of federal grant applications for State-Legislated Safe Routes to School Funding Cycle 10 to improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities at two eligible locations

California legislated a Safe Routes to School (SR2S) program in 1999 with the enactment of AB 1475. The goals of the program are to reduce injuries and fatalities to school children and to encourage increased walking and bicycling among students. This resolution will support the filing of a grant application for two projects under Cycle 10. On March 13, 2012, City staff has scheduled this matter to the City Council for their approval of the grant application submittals. Principal Civil Engineer Rivera gave a short presentation.

Staff Recommendation: Safety Commission accept staff's report and recommend that Council support the submittal of state grant applications for Safe Routes to School Funding Cycle 10 to improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities at two eligible locations.

MSC (Fuentes/Cochrane) to adopt resolution recommending that Council support the submittal of state grant applications for Safe Routes to School Funding Cycle 10 to improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities at two eligible locations. (5-0-2, Gove/Navarro absent).

8. Pedestrian Safety and Bikeways Program - CIP Update

Principal Civil Engineer Rivera gave a short presentation.

9. Traffic Accident Summaries for November and December 2011

Officer Zualet gave a short presentation.

OTHER BUSINESS

10. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Cochrane commented that the resident at 1579 Country Vista Lane may be parking illegally. Also, the resident directly across from the church may be parking illegally.

Commissioner Liken commented the configuration used at westbound F Street/Fourth Avenue might be

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used at northbound Rutgers at East H Street for a right-turn only lane.

Commissioner Cochrane noticed a dangerous situation at Camino Elevado, northbound at Otay Lakes Road – drivers going over the bicycle lane.

MSC (Moriarty/Fuentes) to excuse absences for: Commissioner Liken on October 5, 2011 and January 4, 2012, Commissioner Gove on January 4, 2012 and March 7, 2012. (5-0-2, Gove/Navarro absent)

MSC (Moriarty/Fuentes) to excuse absences for Commissioner Navarro for August 3, 2011 and September 7, 2011. (5-0-2, Gove/Navarro absent)

MSC (Moriarty/Cochrane) to excuse absence for Commissioner Fuentes for January 4, 2012 (3-1-2, Liken abstain, Gove/Navarro absent)

11. Staff Comments

Principal Civil Engineer reported that a judge from the South Bay Courts is no longer enforcing the 25 mph posted speed limit on L Street by Monserate & Melrose. He also reported that the Mayor's office received an e-mail from a citizen citing jaywalking in front of medical offices on Fourth Avenue between G and H; medical offices on Third Avenue between K and L; and the Parkway Gym on Fourth Avenue between F and G. He stated bus stops are located mid-block and may be contributing to the problem. He stated staff will work with the Police Department and the Transit Division.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:35 P.M. to the next scheduled meeting of April 4, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Picardal, Recording Secretary

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